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HISTORICAL SKETCH.

This Church was organized May 5, 1844, by Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, and consisted of twelve members.

On June 4, Rev. Charles Beecher was invited to become stated supply for one year. He remained as stated supply until April 28, 1850, when he was installed as pastor, but resigned on the 30th of August of the same year, on account of ill health.

After his resignation, Rev. Isaac W. Taylor and David C. Blood preached for brief periods.

In June, 1852, Rev. Amzi W. Freeman was called as stated supply, and remained two years. He was followed by Rev. Mr. Ray, who preached six months.

In November, 1854, Rev. E. Curtiss was called as stated supply, and remained as such until May 3, 1856, when he was installed as pastor, and remained as such till October, 1860, when he was dismissed at his own request.

In October, 1861, Rev. W. R. Palmer was called as stated supply, and remained two years.

In May, 1864, Rev. Geo. O. Little was called as stated supply, and remained as such until May 3, 1868, when he was installed as pastor.

CONFESSION AND COVENANT.

CONFESSION.

You have now presented yourselves before God and his people, to enter publicly into covenant with him and with them: to testify your faith, hope and joy in him; unreservedly to devote yourselves to the service of your Creator; and definitely to incorporate yourselves into his visible people. You thus ratify publicly a solemn compact to receive the Father, Son and Holy Ghost as revealed in the Scriptures, in all the agencies they execute for the government of the world, and the offices they sustain for the salvation of the church; and to "walk, henceforth, in all the commandments of the Lord, blameless." You do also humbly confess and bewail the total depravity of your natures, the past enmity of your hearts against God, the unbelief which has led you to reject a Saviour, and the manifold transgressions of your lives: all which sins, without exception, you do condemn and forever renounce.

COVENANT.

And now, in the presence of God, angels and men, you do solemnly avouch the Lord Jehovah

to be your *God and portiou*; and the Lord Jesus Christ to be your Saviour from *sin and death*; your Prophet, to instruct you—your Priest, to atone and intercede for you—your King, to rule, defend and enrich you; and the Holy Ghost to be your Sanctifier and Guide, looking to him for grace, light and peace.

Unto this Triune God—Father, Son and Holy Ghost, you do now without reserve, give yourselves away, in a covenant never to be revoked, to be his willing servants forever; to observe all his commandments and all his ordinances in the Sanctuary, in the Family, in the Closet. You do bind yourselves by covenant, to this church, to seek its peace, purity and edification, and to submit to the government and discipline of Christ, as here administered.

This you do severally profess and engage.

[If members are to be received by Letter, let them here rise and take the following covenant:]

Having already made a public profession of your faith in Christ, and solemnly dedicated yourselves to his service, in connection with another church, and now being transferred to this church at your own request, you do now covenant to walk with us, in love and Christian fellowship; to submit to the discipline and doctrine of Christ's House as here administered, to attend upon its ordinances, and in all things to seek its peace and welfare, as long as you shall continue a member of the same.

Do you thus covenant and promise?

[Here the members of the church will rise.]

And now we, the members of this church, in view of these your professions and engagements, do now receive you to our communion, and welcome you to this fellowship with us in the life of faith and of obedience to our common Master; and may God grant that the relation that commences between us this day be for our mutual edification in time and for our common rejoicing in eternity. Should you have occasion to remove from us, we hold it to be your duty to ask, and ours to give, a recommendation which will place you under the watch and care of some other portion of the church, for hereafter you can never withdraw from her communion, or live in neglect of her sealing ordinances, without a breach of covenant.

"The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord cause his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and grant you peace. Amen."

Order for the Reception of Communicants.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered on the third Sabbaths of January, April, July and October.

The preparatory lecture will be delivered on the Friday evenings preceding these Sabbaths, and at the close of the lecture a meeting of the session will be held, before which candidates for admission to the church by profession of faith, or by letter, shall present themselves.

On the Sabbath, the persons who have been accepted by the session, being called by name, shall present themselves before the congregation. The confession shall be read, and the candidates signify their assent to it.

Baptism is then administered to such as have not before received it, and the others are called upon to signify their acknowledgment of their baptism, received in infancy, as the seal of their profession and covenant.

The covenant is then read and accepted.

The persons received by letter then rise and accept the special engagement prescribed for them. Then all the members rise, and the minister in their name pronounces the formula of their acceptance.

Absent Members.

The following resolutions were adopted by the session of this church, November 14, 1867, in regard to absent members:

“Whereas, in accordance with the provision made by the constitution of our church in the case of absent members (Book of Discipline, Chapter xi), and the authoritative explanation thereof, as given by the acts of the General Assembly, in 1825 and 1853 (see New Digest, pp. 41-45):

“Resolved, that in case of absent church members who have been absent more than a year without having applied for letters of dismission, it be the duty of the session, through its officers, to write to such persons, when their residence can be ascertained, inquiring why they have not done so, and urging the importance of the act upon them whenever it is possible.

“Resolved, that at the expiration of two years, all church members whose residence is unknown, or who have failed to satisfactorily answer the letter of the session, be suspended from church membership, for ‘willful absence,’ until by letter or presence they shall give a satisfactory account of the same.

“Resolved, that it be the duty of the session to make this rule known to all persons uniting with this church, either by profession of their faith, or by letter from other churches.”

Baptism of Households.

[Parents presenting children for baptism are expected to give their assent to the following, or like profession and engagement, propounded to them by the minister:]

In thus presenting your child for baptism, you solemnly profess your belief in Christianity, and your adoption of it as the religion of your house.

You confess that this child has inherited a depraved nature, and needs the renewing and sanctifying influence of the Holy Spirit, of which the water of baptism is the Scriptural emblem.

You do hereby consecrate your child to God, acknowledging that it is his—consenting that it shall be his forever—confessing his sovereign right to take it from you when he pleases, and to employ it as he pleases, in his service, and for his glory.

Trusting in God for strength, you promise that you will bring up this child “in the nurture and admonition of the Lord,” that you will diligently instruct it in the doctrines and duties of Christianity, and will humbly endeavor, by the steady influence of discipline and example, to lead it in the ways of true Godliness.

This you do humbly, hoping that you are “Christ’s,” and therefore “Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise,” and on that Scriptural ground *believing* that the God of Abraham will be a God to you, and to your seed after you. Gal. iii, 29. Gen. xvii, 7.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

MINISTERS.

[SS—Stated Supply. P—Pastor. T—Temporary.]

ss. P. Charles Beecher.	ss. Rev. Mr. Ray.
T. Isaac W. Taylor.	ss. P. E. Curtiss.
ss. Daniel C. Blood.	ss. W. R. Palmer.
ss. Amzi W. Freeman.	ss. P. George O. Little.

E L D E R S.

[* Died. d Dismissed. s Suspended.]

* Nathan Farrand.	Daniel S. Beaver.
* Jacob Conklin.	d C. Joseph Deitrich.
* Frederick H. Tyler.	Cyrus W. Allen.
Benjamin W. Oakley.	Solomon Bash.
* John Hamilton.	George W. Durgin, jr.
d James H. Robinson.	

ORIGINAL MEMBERS — 1844.

* Conklin, Jacob	d Totten, William
Conklin, Mrs Frances	d Totten, Mrs Julia A
d Fairfield, Sarah	d Fory, Maria
s Hamilton, James	* Tyler, Frederick H
McCulloch, Mrs Susan	* Tyler, Mrs Eliza
Taylor, Mrs Alida	d Wallace, Matilda M

ADDED IN 1844.

d Barton, Nathan	s Hoagland, Mrs Angeline
d Barton, Mary	* Hubbell, Mrs Mary E.
d Beecher, Mrs Sarah L	d Hyatt, Mrs Elizabeth
d Clark, Zerelda	d Hyatt, Adeline
* Conklin, Sarah	d Jacoby, Sarah E
* Davenport, Peter	* McCulloch, Mrs Eliza
Davenport, Mrs Elizabeth	d Mills, Mrs Mary
* Farrand, Nathan	Oakley, Benjamin W
d Farrand, Mrs Ann	Oakley, Mrs Harriet
Freeman, Mrs Sarah B	Stanley, Mrs Amelia E
d Hazleton, Mrs Mehitable	Tilden, Titus W

1845.

- * Anderson, John
- Anderson, Mrs Margaret
- Allen, Cyrus W
- Beaver, Daniel S
- d Bender, David
- d Bender, Mrs Maria L
- Conklin, Theodore
- * Edsall, Mrs Louisa
- Ferris, Miss Cynthia
(Allen)
- s Fairfield, James
- d French, Mrs Lucy
- * Hamilton, John
- Hamilton, Mrs Agnes E
(Beaver)
- d Laird, Robert
- Laird, Mrs Elizabeth
- Laird, E A
(Coleman)
- * Laird, Ellen J
- * Little, Mrs Elizabeth
- Oakley, Martha J
(McCoy)
- Somerville, Mrs Sarah A
(Ritchie)
- d Wright, Mrs Nancy

1846.

- Beaver, Augustus C
- d McCulloch, Mrs Abby
- Reiter, Mrs Elizabeth
- * Stratton, Mrs Margaret
- Tyler, Mrs Mary
(Wheeler)

1847.

- Antrup, Mrs Jane
- d Blossom, Mrs Elizabeth
- d Conklin, Mrs Aurelia
- d Cash, Mary
(Harter)
- Hurd, Orrin D
- d Jacoby, Mrs Mary
- d Maples, Darius W
- * Maples, Mrs Catharine
- * Maples, Mary
- s Pence, Eliza Jane
- * Warner, Mrs Sarah
- s Woodworth, Benj S

1848.

- Barbour, Myron F
- Barbour, Mrs Jane
- d Clark, Mrs Lucy
- d Chrysler, Charles M
- d Drake, John
- d Drake, Mrs Marietta
- Hurd, Mrs Susan
- s Robinson, James H
- s Robinson, Mrs Mary

1849.

- Allen, Rodantha
(Reed)
- Archer, Mrs Charlotte
- Archer, William
- d Beecher, Mrs Esther M
- d Dykes, Andrew
- d Hubbell, Mrs Ann M
- d Halsey, Miss Letitia
- d Jacoby, Lysander C
- Kimball, Wilbraham
- Kimball, Mrs Ann L
- Tilden, Mrs Elizabeth M
- * Thompson, Dr. W L
- Thompson, Mrs A M

1850.

- s* Allen, John
- d* Davis, William K
- Antrup, Frederick W
- d* Edwards, Christopher C
- Anderson, Mrs Elizabeth
- d* Edwards, Mrs Elizabeth
- d* Davis, Joseph D
- Rockwell, Mrs Esther A

1851.

- * Storm, Keziah

1852.

- d* Morgan, Ellen E
- d* Totten, Harriet

1853.

- s* Bryant, Mrs Nancy E
- d* Hill, Caroline I
- d* Doty, Tamar M
- * McCarty, Mary F
- d* Freeman, Mrs Mary
- d* Totten, Mary
- d* Hill, Miss Lucy M
- d* Vermilyea, Marietta

1854

- d* Little, Mrs Amanda

1855.

- Blackledge, Miss E
- d* Pomeroy, Enos
- * Beaver, Mrs Caroline
- d* Pomeroy, Mrs Sarah
- d* Curtis, Mrs Harriet E
- s* Tompkins, Susan Ann
- McCoy, George W
- s* Ulery, Elizabeth
- Oakley, Phebe

1856.

- d* Andrews, M R
- * Freeby, Sullivan D
- d* Andrews, Mrs Betsy
- Kimball, Benjamin H
- Antrup, Henry
- Kimball, Mrs T R
- Antrup, Mrs Harriet
- Kimball, Samuel W
- d* Folsom, Paulina
- d* Leonard, Mrs Lavinia M

1857.

- Crosby, Mrs
- d* Pierson, Joseph
- d* Parker, W J
- d* Pierson, Mrs Ruth T
- d* Parker, Mrs Sarah

1858.

- Akers, Mrs Mary
- Bean, Mrs Elizabeth
- s* Alexander, William
- s* Blood, Mrs Martha N
- * Allen, Mrs Elizabeth
- s* Burchell, Leah J
- Bash, Mrs Rebecca K
- e* Borden, Nellis

Durkee, Mrs Abigail H
d Deitrich, C Joseph
d Deitrich, Mrs H M
d Disbrow, Mrs Charlotte
 * Hough, Mrs Lucy
d Hubbell, Mrs Lucy
 * Harris, Ellen M
 Kimball, Laura A
d Kimball, Ada A
 (Howard)

d Kimball, Ivory G
 Kimball, William P
d McDowell, Mrs Mary
 * Michaels, Mary A
d Ryder, Melissa I
 Reiter, Eliza
 (Morton)
 Seoville, Mrs Cornelia
s Selby, Ann E
d Taylor, Morris A

1859.

d Armstrong, Mrs T G
 Akers, Robert
d Barbour, Sylvia
 (Lipes)
s Dorman, Mrs Julia

d Lower, Dr. J S
d Lower, Mrs Sabrina
 Morgan, Ellen M.
 (Ladd)
d Wise, J W

1860.

d Brodie, Mrs Agnes
s Carnady, Mrs Caroline
d Fletcher, Mrs Rebecca
 Laidlaw, Walter

Laidlaw, Mrs Abigail
 Myers, Mrs Mary A
s Rayhouser, N C A
s Rayhouser, Mrs Lucinda

1862.

d Bodley, Isabella
 Conklin, John
s Conklin, Mrs Mary
d Dunham, Henry T
d Dunham, Mrs Martha C
 * Grout, Isaae W
 Hubbell, Mary
 Jones, Mrs S A

Knapp, Abby
 Oakley, Harriet E
 (Wilson)
d Palmer, Mrs Clara
 Totten, Anna
 (Remmel)
d Totten, Mrs Julia A

1863.

d Agnew, Edward
 * Agnew, Mrs Jane
 Beaver, Catharine A
 Butner, Louis
d Earl, Syrena
s Freeby, Sarah
 Grout, Mrs Mary A
 Grout, Mrs Lavinia
 * Kiser, Mrs Sarah E
 Kimball, Mary E

Lawrence, Mrs Elizabeth
 Morgan, Mrs Ann E
d Morgan, Abby (Rodabaugh)
d Prentiss, Mrs Mary
d Prentiss, Addie
 Strobe, Dennis B
 Strobe, Mrs Emily O
 Strobe, George W
 Scott, Mrs Eliza
 Wright, Mrs Liveria

1864.

Baldwin, Mrs J P
 Baldwin, Julietta
 Case, Ada
 Dodez, Mrs Helen

* Fairfield, Captain Asa
 Housh, Mrs Essie J
 Reiter, Dorothea C

1865.

Ash, Mrs Addie
 Bowe, Benj F
 Bash, Solomon,
 Barbour, Eliza J
 Baldwin, Samuel
d Bassett, Walton
 Conklin, Mrs E A
 Conklin, Anna
 Empey, Mrs Louisa
 Erwin, Margaret J
d Francisco, Mrs M J
 Fairfield, Mrs Anna
 Holmes, Mrs Maria
 Hurd, Aleen

d Harter, Charles E
d Mann, Mrs C Etta
 Morris, Martha
 (Woodworth
 Phelps, Abby
 Pickard, Mrs Catharine
 Rambo, Agnes
 Reiter, Lucy
 Taylor, Sophia (Hulse
 Taylor, Mrs Margaretta
 Taylor, William J
 Woodworth, Mrs D
 Wilson, Mrs Sallie
 Williamson, M F

1866.

Antrup, Hattie
 * Butner, Frederiek W
d Barbour, Lucius
d Barbour, Mrs Elizabeth
 Beaver, Charles B
 Besore, David
d Besore, George
 Cartwright, Jenny
d Collier, Mrs Nancy
 Dodez, Augustus, C
 Durgin, George W jr
 Durgin, Mrs Phebe S
d Dunn, Mrs Ada
d Green, Robert A
 Hulse, William J
d Hadley, Georgiana A
d Hadley, Marianna (Smith
 Hadley, Mrs Mary A
 Holmes, Joshua
 Holmes, Clara E (Tam
d Howard, Wilber H
 Housh, Samuel J
 Iaraby, Mrs Emily J

d Lipes, Henry H
s Moon, William H
d Moore, Naney F
 Miller, Wm H H
 Miller, Mrs Gertrude
 McCulloeh, Mrs Sarah
d Rockhill, Wright W
 Silvers, Henry C
 Smyser, Peter
 Stanley, Martha
 Stanley, Agnes
d Smith, Harris E
 Totten, Susan C (Miller
 Thompson, Mary M
 Taylor, I Newton
s Totten, Cyrus T
 Taylor, Samuel J
 Williams, Effingham T
 Williamson, Mrs Mella
 Wilson, Oscar J
 Wilson, Mrs Ellen A
 Webb, Marion A †

1867.

Baldwin, Emma
 Brindle, Samuel
 Brindle, Mrs Lucy A
 d Collier, James
 Chapman, William C
 Chapman, Mrs Harriet
 Green, Ella M

Gossett, John W
 Gossett, Mrs Harriet C
 Lawrence, Mrs O B
 * Prouty, Mrs Jane M
 Robertson, Mrs E H
 Smith, Mrs Kate P

1868.

Biddle, Mrs Callie I
 Chapman, Barnum W

Little, Mrs Martha H
 Sloan, William B

1869.

Armstrong, Mrs M M
 Beaver, Mrs Emily
 Bernard, Mrs N
 Chapman, Mrs Sarah
 Cottingham, Wm H
 Gilbert, John
 Gilbert, Mrs H Lona
 Gorham, Mrs Grace H
 Hall, George G

Knight, John
 Kimball, Jenny O
 Lester, James H
 Mudge, Smith R
 Nill, Mrs Sophia A
 Poole, Mrs Maria T
 Reiter, Andrew C
 Sautelle, Fulton O
 Stanley, Thomas J

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